



County of Loudoun

Algonkian District

December 2017

Dear Neighbors,

It's hard to believe it is December already. 2017 is almost "in the books" as they say. It's been a busy year for most folks, however I do hope you will take the time to truly enjoy this special time of year. There are so many amazing and fun events happening throughout the area. With the holidays coming, please remember those less fortunate. I've included just a couple of organizations below, who help our neighbors throughout the year. These are just a sampling of the wonderful charities working in our community.

As always, I hope you will take a moment to review my newsletter in detail for information and updates related to our community as well. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 703-771-5033 or via email at Suzanne.Volpe@loudoun.gov with any questions or concerns.

Most sincerely,

Suzanne Volpe

Hot Topics

Western Portion of Riverside Parkway Extension Will Remain Closed

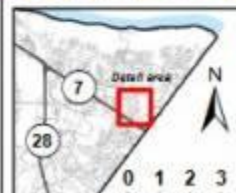
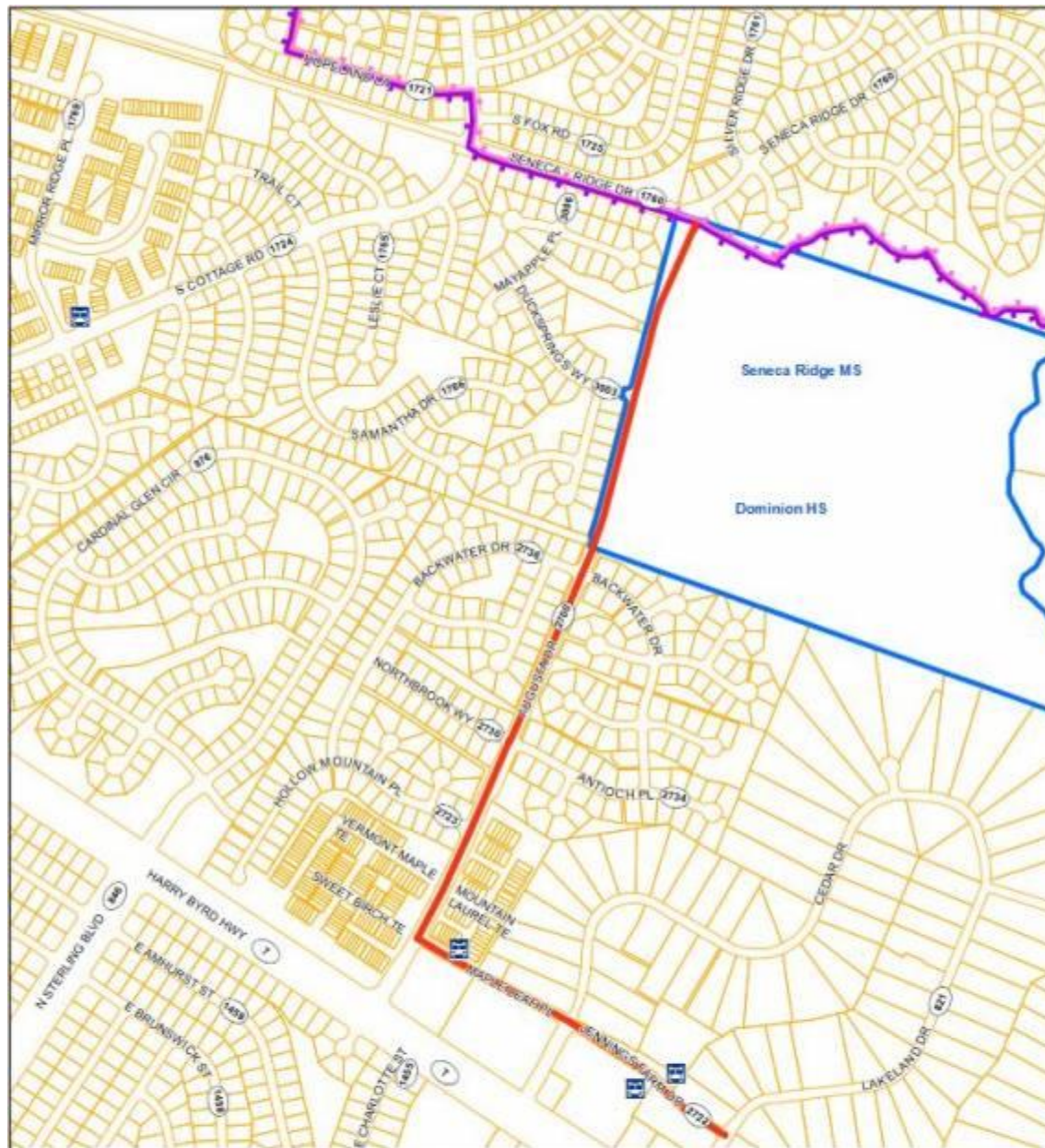
Area residents have been excited to learn that the western portion of the Riverside Parkway Extension Project has been completed. It was suggested to my office that westbound traffic should be allowed to utilize the connection. Even though the western portion of Riverside Parkway, through Janelia Farms, has been completed it will remain closed to through traffic. Recently the construction on Riverside Parkway has been completed - linking the existing roadway to a closed portion of Lexington Drive. This new road way and that portion of Lexington Drive will remain closed to the public and will only be accessible to construction traffic generated by the Lexington 7 project.


The opening of Riverside Parkway connecting the western portion (Janelia Farms) to Loudoun County parkway will take place in sections - beginning from the eastern portions first, followed by the middle portion, and concluding with the western portion through the Lexington 7 project. This is being done to maintain consistent access for the Potomac Farms community and streamline the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) acceptance process. It should also be noted that for safety reasons that the County and VDOT determined the western portion of Lexington Drive should remain closed to through traffic as it will be necessary to close it for the construction of the eastern portion of Riverside Parkway; specifically the portion of the roadway connecting to the Lexington 7 project on the western side of Smith Circle.

Augusta Drive Traffic & Pedestrian Safety Community Meeting

As you may be aware, residents have expressed concerns about traffic problems and pedestrian safety along the Augusta Drive corridor including Jennings Farm Drive and Maple Leaf Place. The Board of Supervisors directed the Department of Transportation

& Capital Infrastructure (DTCI) to identify funds to complete a traffic analysis addressing the vehicular and pedestrian safety concerns in the area at the September 6, 2016 business meeting. At the March 7, 2017 Board of Supervisors Business Meeting, DTCI presented a cost proposal from a transportation consultant to complete a traffic engineering study, which included, but was not limited to, field work and data collection, and evaluation of improvement alternatives to address safety and speeding concerns.



-  Study area
-  Local bus stop
-  Loudoun County Facility
-  Parcel

2011 Election Districts:

-  Aigonian
-  Sterling



Augusta Drive (Route 2700)

Traffic Analysis Study

Sterling Election District

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A community meeting has been scheduled by the Sterling District Supervisor to present the study findings and possible improvements for vehicular and pedestrian safety. The meeting will be held on Thursday, January 11, 2018 at Dominion High School, located at 21326 Augusta Drive in Sterling, at 7:00 p.m. As this area borders the Algonkian District, I would encourage local residents to attend the meeting to learn about possible improvements and provide input to our county transportation staff. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

Academies of Loudoun Information Nights

Loudoun County Public Schools has announced several information nights for parents and students (9th, 10th and 11th grades) for the Academies of Loudoun. These sessions will be geared toward high school students interested in the admission process for the Academies of Loudoun, which is slated to open in the Fall of 2018. The sessions will include information on Advanced AET and Monroe Advanced Technical Academy programs as well. The information for the sessions is as follows:

Thursday, January 4, 2018 – Freedom High School Auditorium, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 17, 2018 – Riverside High School Auditorium, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

If you have questions or need more information, please contact the Academies of Loudoun directly at 571-252-1980.

Short-Term Residential Rental Initiative

At the October 19, 2017 Business Meeting, the Board of Supervisors approved the work plan to evaluate registration, taxation, zoning, and public safety issues for short-term residential rentals. The plan includes a public outreach component that features the launch of an informational web page (www.loudoun.gov/shorttermrentals), which includes an online survey (located on that web page), and several small group input sessions. These sessions will target specific stakeholder groups to include general residents and HOA

representatives, the hospitality industry, the affiliated business community, and current short-term rental hosts/operators. The survey features a method through which individual respondents can self-select into participation in the small group input sessions noted above or otherwise indicate their ongoing interest in the topic. Following input from stakeholders throughout the community, County staff anticipates returning to the Board of Supervisors in early 2018 with results and recommendations on registration, taxation, and potential next steps for public safety and zoning.

Seneca Ridge Drive/Augusta Drive Traffic Study Status

My office began working with the Seneca Ridge HOA in the summer of 2015 regarding their concerns about traffic congestion and pedestrian safety. The issues included the intersection of Seneca Ridge Drive and Augusta Drive as well as congestion along Seneca Ridge Drive through the intersection with South Cottage Road. With the repaving of South Cottage Road, several of the planned improvements have been completed as of earlier this year.

The County's consultant, JMT, has been working to complete the engineering, surveying and the actual design plans for the improvements to Seneca Ridge Drive. The design is approximately 90% complete and the plans have been submitted to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) for approval. As VDOT "owns" the road, they must approve any changes to the road, including widening and restriping. The County Department of Transportation & Capital Infrastructure (DTCI) is working on securing the necessary funding for the construction portion of the project. I should note that the construction portion of the project includes items, such as right-of-way acquisition, easements, utility relocation and the actual construction.

Transportation Updates

George Washington Boulevard Overpass Progress

As you are aware, this project was initiated in January of 2015 and has been progressing without too many bumps in the proverbial road. The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) held a Design Public Hearing in December of 2016 and the Board of Supervisors endorsed the design at the March 7, 2017 Business Meeting. As there are federal funds involved in this project, several additional steps must occur including approval from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The actual design of the overpass has been approved and it is expected to have the right-of-way plans finalized shortly. VDOT and the County estimate that the construction advertisement date for the project is still in the spring of 2019. The construction of this overpass will provide access for the residents and businesses in University Center to Russell Branch Parkway on the south side of Route 7.

More Route 28 Hot Spot Improvements Planned

The County has been involved in several “hot spot” improvements along Route 28 over the past few years. I’m excited to report that additional improvements to Route 28 between the Dulles Toll Road and Sterling Boulevard have been planned. The Route 28 Tax District Commission approved the funding for the design in March of 2016. The final designs have been approved and the County will be applying for Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) funds for the construction. This project will widen the northbound lanes on Route 28 from the Dulles Toll Road to Sterling Boulevard. Should the County be awarded NVTA funding, construction could begin as early as this summer.

Get Involved!

Animal Services Third Annual Pet Adoption Extravaganza

Loudoun County Animal Services (LCAS) will host the Third Annual Home for the Holidays event. This free adoption event will be held on Saturday, December 9, 2017 from 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the shelter, located at 39820 Charles Town Pike in Waterford. Adoption fees will be waived on all adoptable pets regardless of species and age. The event will also include a hot cocoa station, fire-toasted s'mores, goodie bags and more! Residents can also help by donating supplies for shelter pets, including durable, rubber pet toys, puzzle feeders, leashes, and collars for cats and dogs. For more information, please visit the LCAS website at www.loudoun.gov/animals or call 703-777-0406.

INOVA Loudoun Hospital Health Screening

INOVA Loudoun Hospital Mobile Health Services will be providing free blood pressure screenings at a variety of locations during the month of December. They will be at the Cascades Senior Center located at 21060 Whitfield Place in Sterling from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, December 12 and December 19, 2017. For more information or other locations, please call the Mobile Health hotline at 703-858-8818 or visit at www.inova.org/mobilehealth.

The Nutcracker is Coming to Ashburn! Tickets Almost Sold Out!

The Loudoun Ballet Company has announced their 28th annual production of The Nutcracker to be performed one weekend only at Broad Run High School located at 21670 Ashburn Road in Ashburn. This heart-warming classic will dazzle and delight all ages! The evening begins with a magical Christmas Party, has an epic battle and then a trip to the Land of Sweets. With over 100 members in the cast, this performance will be filled with stunning costumes, dancing and music. Performances will be held on Saturday, December 16, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. and on Sunday, December 17, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Advanced tickets may be purchased online for \$15 for kids and seniors, and \$22 for adults. Tickets purchased at the door will be \$30. For more information and tickets, please visit www.loudounballet.org.

Salvation Army Red Kettle Program

The Salvation Army has been hosting the Red Kettle Campaign for many years. It's the Salvation Army's oldest annual charitable fundraiser. The funds raised will help those in our community with coats for the homeless, food for the hungry and countless other social service programs throughout the year. This program relies on volunteers to ring the bells at the kettles. You can visit www.virginiasalvationarmy.org/loudouncountyvacorps to find a location and time that works for you. This is a wonderful opportunity for community groups, churches and civic organizations to give of their time to help our neighbors. You can sign up for two hours, a portion of a day or multiple days. For more information, please call 703-771-3371.

Toys for Tots Campaign

The Loudoun County Detachment of the Marine Corps League is pleased to announce their annual Toys for Tots Campaign! The program accepts new, unwrapped toys each year for needy children. Residents can drop off toys at the Toys for Tots warehouse located at 21100 Ashburn Crossing Drive, Unit 175 in Ashburn.

The Department of Fire & Rescue is also assisting the Toys for Tots Campaign by accepting donated toys at many of the safety centers. Here are a few locations in our area, which are accepting toys:

Cascades Safety Center, 46700 Middlefield Drive, Sterling, 703-430-4013

Sterling Park Safety Center, 104 Commerce Street, Sterling, 703-430-7010

Ashburn Safety Center, 20688 Ashburn Road, Ashburn, 703-729-0006

If you don't have time to shop for a toy, please consider visiting the website at www.loudoun-va.toysfortots.org to make a donation. Your donation will help purchase toys for children with special needs. For more information, please email Toys4TotsLoudoun@gmail.com.
